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Re: Warburton et al.

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For: *LUNG STEM CELLS AND LUNG REGENERATION*

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, applicants respond as follows:

In the Claims:

Please enter the amended claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of stimulating the growth of lung alveolar surface in a lung, comprising:

providing progenitor or stem cells capable of regenerating lung alveolar surface; and
administering said progenitor or stem cells to said lung in an amount sufficient to stimulate the growth of lung alveolar surface therein.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

3. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said lung is *ex vivo*, and wherein said administering step is followed by the step of:

transplanting said lung into a recipient.

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

13. (Amended) An *ex vivo* method of stimulating the growth of lung alveolar surface in a lung, comprising:

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